21st March 1955]

P.C.C. Societies, Malabar.

* 1507 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Malabar who is also the Registrar of Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, Ltd., Malabar, in reply to the letter No. 36467-C/54-11, dated 14th July 1954, from the Department of Industries, Labour and Co-operation calling for a report on the action taken by him on the allegations made by some members and the general public regarding certain irregularities in Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) As the Collector's report is long, a gist[a] of it is placed on the table of the House."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The gist of the Collector's report placed on the table of the House is not a correct version. However, I do not wish to enter into a controversy with the Hon. Minister in respect of that matter. We had given him specific complaints and made charges and the whole correspondence relating to them are with me and none of the action taken in regard to them is satisfactory. In this connection, I wish to bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister a simple instance. An officer of the Government who was appointed as the Executive Officer of a Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society paid Rs. 500 as donation when there was no common good fund. That was a specific instance referred to in our charges and may I know whether any action was taken against that officer and I will even give the name of the officer if required by the Hon. Minister."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Collector has reported that whenever allegation is brought to his notice, proper enquiry would be made and proper action would be taken in the matter. As regards the instance mentioned by the hon. Member, we shall have the matter enquired into."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will the Hon. Minister call for a report on this specific instance where the officer paid illegally Rs. 500 as donation when there was no common good fund for the society?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member may kindly write about this matter to the Government."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 94-95 infra.